

officer to within fifty yards of the enemy, and killed three as they were bringing a machine gun into action. The information he brought back enabled fire to be directed at the vital points of the enemy trench, and completely stopped the counter-attack. By his courage and devotion to duty he rendered very valuable service.

18556 Pte. T. Thompson, W. York. R. (Leeds).

For conspicuous gallantry in action. When an enemy machine gun was firing at point-blank range, he stood and fired at the gunners, killing the man on the gun; he then rushed forward and bayoneted another man who was bringing the gun into action again, thus allowing the advance to continue. Later he went into the enemy's positions, and returned with an officer and six other prisoners. Throughout the operations he showed splendid courage, and captured at least twenty-five prisoners and two machine guns.

34762 Sjt. J. Thornton, Y. & L. Regt. (Middlesbrough).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid. When, on nearing the enemy's wire, rapid machine-gun and rifle fire was opened on his section, he got his men down, and by opening rifle fire on the enemy was mainly responsible for the remainder of the raiding party being able to rush through the wire and occupy the enemy's trench. His party silenced a machine gun and accounted for several of the enemy. Throughout he showed admirable coolness and leadership.

S.P. 4372 L./Cpl. R. M. Tinkler, R. Fus. (Ulverston).

For conspicuous gallantry and splendid leadership during a successful night attack. When the senior non-commissioned officers became casualties he took command of his platoon, which, led by him, took part in the hottest fighting. Whenever pockets of the enemy were discovered barring the advance he was the first to dash forward and overcome them. He killed many of the enemy.

200020 Sjt. A. Tomlinson, R. War. R. (Birmingham).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership during a raid. When his platoon was cut off from the platoon commander he rallied them and led them forward, and when his platoon commander was wounded he assumed command and carried on, bombing the enemy dug-outs. He alone rushed an enemy post, and took the garrison prisoners. He remained in the enemy lines for an hour and a quarter with a few men, and did excellent work. Throughout he set a magnificent example to all ranks.

236148 Sjt. H. Bickers, M.M., E. Lan. R. (Manchester).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership. He took command of his platoon in an attack and captured two machine guns in the face of strong opposition. He organised his platoon for defence, repulsed four determined counter-attacks, and maintained his line intact under heavy fire. The success of

the operation was largely due to his courage and determination.

231746 Sjt. H. Vincent, M.M., Lond. R. (Maida Vale).

During two days' hard fighting his conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership when in charge of Lewis gun teams had a great effect on the success of the operations, and enabled the advance to proceed with comparatively few casualties. He attacked enemy machine guns with great boldness, capturing some, putting others out of action or causing them to move to less effective positions, and displayed admirable initiative throughout.

7758 C./S./M. P. A. Wager, Ches. R. (Harvington).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. With the company headquarter details he covered the withdrawal of the company in face of heavy machine-gun fire. His courage and cheerful confidence did much to steady and encourage those around him in a difficult situation.

20588 Cpl. F. E. Walker, Ches. R. (London, W.).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an advance the line was held up on two occasions by the machine-gun fire of the enemy. On each occasion he went out alone and bombed the machine guns, accounting for the teams and capturing the guns. His courage and determination enabled his company to continue their advance and reach their objective. He set a splendid example of dash and initiative.

240284 Sjt. A. Wallace, N. Staffs. R. (Uttoxeter).

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When the advance was held up by the fire of a machine-gun post, he took out a patrol and attacked the post with great skill and determination. He captured the gun and accounted for its whole crew, and our advance was able to proceed unchecked for 1,000 yards. He has always been conspicuous for his good leadership and gallant fighting spirit.

265033 Cpl. (L./Sjt.) T. Walton, R. Lanc. R. (Blackburn).

For conspicuous gallantry and good leadership in an attack. He took command of his platoon when his officer became a casualty and materially assisted in the capture of the objective by his company. He silenced two enemy machine guns, capturing the teams, and frustrated repeated attempts by the enemy to turn the right flank of the battalion. He kept up a stiff resistance during sixteen hours' fighting and finally when he was cut off, though wounded, he brought back his platoon and his wounded men at night through the enemy's lines and rejoined the battalion. He set a magnificent example of courage and determination.

202323 Sit. D. Waters, K.O.S.B. (Dundee).

For conspicuous gallantry and fine leadership in an attack. After the final objective was reached he observed a party of the enemy